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Board of Health Minutes 09/10/2008

Board of Health Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 10, 2008
Ground Floor Conference Room
Senior Center
5:15pm

Board Members in Attendance: Dr. Carole Allen, Mr. Gregory Leonardos and Dr. Michael Fitzpatrick (Chair)

Staff in Attendance: Christine Sharkey, Director of Health and Human Services, Natasha Thorne, Health Inspector, Joseph Carabello, Health Inspector, Mary Ann Jacobs, Secretary

I. Meeting minutes from May 14, 2008 were accepted as written.

II. VARIANCE REQUEST: Tsunami Restaurant 669 A Massachusetts Avenue.

Owner Halit Candermir was present at the hearing. The HACCP plan submitted by Mr. Candermir and with the assistance of Berger Food Safety Consulting was reviewed. The variance request to render sushi rice non-potentially hazardous by acidification was unanimously approved by the Board contingent on the following requirements: 1.) A letter from John Nagle identifying fish that will be purchased by Tsunami for sushi does not meet the parasite destruction requirements of the 1999 Food Code. Therefore, Tsunami must update the HACCP plan to identify a vendor who complies with parasite destruction and can supply Tsunami with the products mentioned in John Nagel's letter. 2.) A pre-operational inspection must be conducted before food will be permitted in the establishment and before a Permit to Operate a Food Establishment will be issued. 3.) Tsunami must submit test results from the Arlington establishment for the sushi rice recipe from an independent food laboratory. 4.) The owner is required to provide to the Arlington Board of Health lab validation of the sushi rice recipe annually or when the recipe is modified in any way.

III. HEARING: Sweet Sue's- 795 Massachusetts Avenue:

Owner Susan Watts was present for the hearing. Natasha Thorne presented the board with information about the inspection history of Sweet Sues, indicating that the overall cleanliness of the establishment and maintenance of the physical facilities is poor, and that repeat violations continue to go uncorrected. Ms. Watts stated that she has made arrangements for the kitchen floor to be replaced in October, and that leaking plumbing fixtures would be repaired by a licensed plumber by September 17, 2008. The Board unanimously voted to grant Ms. Watts an extension to fix plumbing fixtures until September 17, 2008 and an extension to make repairs to the floor and screen door, thoroughly clean and sanitize the entire establishment, and obtain a contract with a pest control company until the close of business on October 14, 2008.

Additionally, Sweet Sue's will be on probation for a period of 1 year. An evaluation hearing will be held within 2 months to determine if progress had been made. A minimum of 2 inspections will be conducted prior to the evaluation hearing.

The Board also agreed that every re-inspection that this office must conduct at Sweet Sue's will constitute a \$100.00 re-inspection fee. Failure to meet the deadline on October 14, 2008 and / or failure to demonstrate that progress has been made will result in a hearing with the Board of Health to discuss the revocation of Sweet Sue's Permit to Operate a Food Establishment.

● HEARING: Housing Code Violations: 10 Old Colony Lane, Unit #3

Owner David Wilfert was present for the hearing. Natasha Thorne presented the board with information about the housing inspection conducted at the request of Mr. Wilfert's tenants on July 15, 2008. Mr. Wilfert believes that the majority of the issues documented by the Board of Health were caused by the tenants and therefore he does not want to correct the violations until the tenants have moved out. Mr. Wilfert presented the Board with a letter (30-Day Notice to Quit) from his tenants indicating that they would be moving out of the apartment. The Board agreed to grant Mr. Wilfert an extension to correct the violations, with the exception of one- in which the Board requested that Mr. Wilfert hire a licensed electrician to inspect and make any necessary repairs within 24 hours to an outlet in which the tenants had complained of getting a shock from. Mr. Wilfert refused to agree to have a licensed electrician inspect and or make necessary repairs. The Board agreed to file a criminal complaint against Mr. Wilfert if documentation is not provided to this office within 24 hours.

- Grant Announcement-

Christine informed that Board that the Arlington Youth Health & Safety Coalition has been awarded a \$125,000 Federal Drug Free Community Grant. The Coalition is now in the process of hiring 3 new employees who will work in the Health and Human Services Department for the Coalition.

- 2008 Flu Clinic List

Christine passed out flyers to the Board with a list of potential Flu Clinic Dates to be released to the public by the end of the week.

- Well Regulations-

Christine gave a brief overview of why the department should consider creating well regulations for the Town of Arlington. The Board agreed to start the process of creating well regulations.

- Restaurant Updates

- Shanghai & Tokyo Restaurant- Mass Ave- closed
- Yeravan Middle Eastern Grocery- Mass Ave- closed
- Everest Mini Mart- Summer Street- closed
- Arlington Café- Summer Street- change of ownership
- Krazy Karry's- Broadway- update on progress being made
- Town Day- September 20, 2008- over 30 booths in which this office will be conducting inspections. Thorne informed that Board that any booth holding hot food, has been limited to only serve 6 items, this is in order to monitor food temperatures.

The next Board of Health meeting will be held on October 29, 2008.